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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Michael Mallary  
Application No.: 10/630,265  
Filed: July 30, 2003  
For: METHODS FOR CENTERING DISKS IN A MAGNETIC DISK ASSEMBLY

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MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE**

Sir:

The present Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2006, and the Office Action mailed February 21, 2006 (hereinafter "Office Action of February 2006"). A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith to allow examination of currently elected Claims 31-33, which are readable on Figure 4 (Species C), and new claims 48-49, and to cancel previously elected Claims 22-30 and 39-47.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s), including fees for additional claims, are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

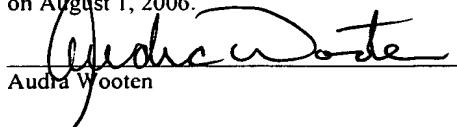
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